

District Governor Terry Brown

The Rotator

Rotary Club of Southport Chartered 20 August 1945. Club No. 17905



Service above self

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Rotary Month: April: Maternal and Child Health

9 April Movie "Romantic Road" Coolangatta 10.30AM

Next Club meeting: Tuesday 16 April Ferry Rd Tavern RYLA team



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Guest Speaker, Laura Irvine-Brown presented a daunting picture of life on Manus Island for refugees detained there. One can only admire and applaud her bravery and dedication to take on the role of Occupational Therapist, working with limited resources to bring hope and inspiration to the unfortunate humans held in indefinite detention. It was an eye-opener to us all.

District 9640 Conference at Lismore, 29th to 31st March was one of the best I have ever attended. More than 400 Rotarians, 8 from Southport plus partners, were enthralled by the line-up of outstanding keynote speakers. Rotary is making substantial contributions to research in many key health areas — Malaria, Parkinsons Disease, Human Brain research, and of course Polio, as well as helping to initiate mobile dialysis machines to remote outback communities and to Purple House in Alice Springs; and providing safe, clean drinking water to many communities around the world. The entertainment too was superb.

Unfortunately, Mervyn Powell was hospitalised in the weekend with a mysterious illness and missed most of the conference. He is now in GC Private Hospital. We wish Mervyn a speedy recovery.

Rotary Club of Southport won two District Awards: (1) for International Service for our literacy kits to Tanzania; and the "Empowering Indonesian Children for a Brighter Future" project; and (2) for Multi-Club Project in conjunction with RC Ashmore for building the Ashmore Mens Shed. Congratulations to everyone involved.

The visit to Gen MacArthur Museum last Tuesday was most interesting. Seventeen people, including seven from Aveo Retirement Village, Tingalpa, were regaled with delightful tales about Douglas MacArthur by Ron Rees who as a small boy met MacArthur and later became a friend and penpal of the General.

Next Tuesday you are invited to attend the movie Premiere: *Romantic Road*, Coolangatta 10am 9th April. Or taste some great wines from Zonte's Footsteps at RC Parkwood, Arundel Tavern from 6pm. Details elsewhere in this Rotator.

Rotary Club of Gold Coast has invited Southport Rotarians to attend their meeting at Southport Golf Club, 6pm Thursday 16th May. Please note this in your diary.

Check our full program of events in CR or on our website:

• https://southportrotary.com.au/

Tony Pritchett, President.

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During fellowship time, a slide show of photos from the District Conference prepared by Tony Gardner was showing.

Opening: Chair Tam invited Sergeant Lea Rickwood to open the meeting with the Four Way Test and a toast to the Queen and Australia.

Tam then invited Jim Scotte to give the Rotary Minute. Jim chose to talk about Sir Clem Renouf, our first Australian RI President in 1978-79 who is best known for initiating the Polio Eradication program by successfully vaccinating all the children in the Philippines as part of a Health, Hunger and Humanitarian new programme.

President Tony welcomed everyone including our guest speaker Laura Irvine-Brown, partner Kathryn Russell and visiting Rotarian Joachim. Tony also gave an update on Merv Powell's health

Tony's announcements included a report on the successful visit to the Macarthur Museum in Brisbane for 17 people that included some from a retirement village.

- A ROTEM evening Monday April 8 at Coomera Community Centre,
- Also two awards won by Southport Rotary at the District Conference- The International award for our Literacy Kits to Tanzania and our Educating Indonesian Children, and the Multi Club Award for our partnership with Ashmore Club in establishing the Men's Shed at Ashmore.
- Tony, Michael I and Peter O met with Rohan Johnstone and others from GC Rotary to discuss a merger. A joint meeting with them is set for May 16 at Southport Golf Club and also June 6 when Rob Molhoek is expected to speak.
- Tony will speak with Parkwood Rotary next Tuesday April at their Wine Tasting evening re a merger.

The **Secretary's report** noted that there were 11 members present, 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 partner and 1 Club guest making a total of 14.

Marion also mentioned a farewell dinner for the visiting Philippine Vocational Exchange team at Coomera Community Centre next Saturday April 6.

Tony reminded members of the movie morning at Coolangatta, the Anzac Day picnic at Tamborine and the Aunties and Uncles picnic.

Sergeant Lea proceeded to fine all members for various reasons, e.g. Neil for having a degustation dinner, Tony Stenton for recarpeting at home, Andrew for having a brush with a snake and those who didn't attend the District Conference.

The **Raffle** was won by Tony Gardner and **Heads/Tails** by Ian Craig.

Marion introduced **guest speaker Laura Irvine-Brown** who spoke at the Satellite Club about her time on Manus Island. Marion noted that a Manus Island refugee Behroum Boochani had just won

the Prestigious Victorian Literature Prize for his book that he smuggled out on texts over several years. He won an Australian prize but he will never come to Australia to live.

Laura, an occupational therapist, went to Manus Island in 2013 with the Salvation Army Humanitarian program. She has always had concern for refugees and so was a case manager there for 2 years. She recounted the poor conditions the refugees lived under, men in one camp, women in another all under strict security with high fences and checks constantly. When most of these refugees sought asylum in Australia through boats from Indonesia, it was before the Australian Government changed the rules in 2013 that no one coming by boat would be resettled in Australia. The Detention Centre was under resourced and this situation led to a sense of desolation and utter hopelessness.

Laura recounted the lives of several of the refugee men that she worked with, a Kurdish man who taught himself to read and write in his own language and then in English.

Another man, a Rohinga from Myanmar, a journalist continues to write from the US where he was resettled.

Laura asked that we all consider helping through the "Gifts for Manus and Nauru" programme that buys phone cards for the refugees and links them with medical and legal support.

Tony Gardner thanked Laura for her talk that enlightened us so much more than the superficial news we get from our media. A Literacy Kit will be sent to a school in Tanzania in Laura's name as thanks.

Chair Tam invited Tony to close the meeting with a reminder about the wine tasting at Parkwood Rotary on Tuesday next and the movie at Coolangatta

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm Marion J

Visit to Douglas MacArthur Museum 29 March











District Conference Lismore 29 to 31 March



Opening ceremony



DG Terry Brown



Donald Mebus Presidents rep sings



Clyde Campbell parkinsons



Well guarded

RYLA was there





One of our awards

The dialysis truck for remote areas



Lismore the green machine

Sarah Brown Dialysis for aboriginal sufferers





Fiji cyclone proof house

Philippine group hatted up



Saturday nights super jazz band





Sally P and Jean Luc jive

Dance routine from our visitors





Our second award

Southport dines at Lismore



Treasurer's Report: Merv Powell

Members: 11	Club Guests:1	Visiting Rotarians: 1	Partners: 1
Members Guests:	Visitors:		Total: 14
Fines: \$ 36.35	Raffle: \$	Polio Plus: \$	Club Admin: \$
Billy: \$	Billy YTD: \$		

You are invited to the *Movie: Romantic Road, BCC Coolangatta*. This is an Australian Premiere and a feature of the Gold Coast Film Festival. Please click on the link below to attend or decline. You can also book family and friends. You will enjoy this film. Relax, take the tram and 700 bus (allow 1 hour); meet for coffee before the movie (film starts 10:30am).

Although you can book your tickets online it is preferred that you allow Southport Rotary to make a block booking. It is important you let me know whether or not you wish to attend before Wednesday 13th March.

Event: Movie: Romantic Road, BCC Coolangatta

Date: Apr 09, 2019 10:00 AM -

Fee: \$14.00

Birch Carrol & Coyle Cinema

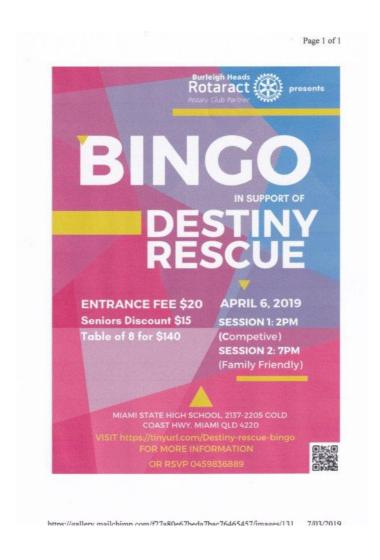
Level 2 The Strand Shopping Centre

Location: 76 Marine Parade

Coolangatta, QLD Australia

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Contact Tony P.





Photos meeting 2 April







Chair Tam L

Jim S Rotary minute

Welcome from Pres TonyP







Sceretary Marion

Lea was sergeant

Laura Irving-Brown



Manus Island



Living quarters for detainees



Thanks from Tony G



Awards from the conference



Laura and Pres TonyP

Lambert Wang Club Service Director

- Email lambert988@gmail.com
- Telephone or text **0412 755 103**

Please register your intention to ATTEND or DECLINE (apology) via the EVENT on Southport Rotary website: https://southportrotary.com.au/ or ClubRunner.

Apologies are required if you are unable to attend a dinner. DUTIES ROSTER – If members are unable to fulfil a duty, it is their responsibility to find a replacement. CHAIRMAN- The chairman is responsible for telephoning the members on duty to confirm their attendance.

Duties:

DUTIES	16 April	
Chair	Elisabeth S	
Sergeant	Michael Iv	
Attendance/Trs	Jim S	
Rotary Minute	Tony S	
Vote of thanks	lan C	
Ups and Downs	Lambert W	
Scribe	Judy C	
Meet & Greet	Graham C	

Note: It is the responsibility of members to arrange a replacement if they cannot fulfill a duty Note: The Chairman is responsible for telephoning the members on duty to confirm their attendance

Guest speakers, events and meeting calendar

9 April	Movie Romantic Road Coolangatta 10.30AM				
16 April	Club meeting Ferry Rd Tavern RYLA awardees				
25 April	Anzac Day Picnic Mt Tamborine				
28 April	Aunties and Uncles picnic McIntosh Park				
<mark>7 May</mark>	Club dinner Ferry Rd Tavern				
<mark>16 May</mark>	Combined dinner Gold Coast Club Golf Club (Thursday)				

Celebrations

Birthdays 9 April David R 10 April Tony G	Anniversaries 6 April Tony and Sally P 10 April Graham and Chris C	
Rotary induction 19 May 87 Merv P	Spouse birthday	

Themes for Rotary months

August: Membership & Extension

October: Economic & Community Develop't December: Disease Prevention & Treatment February: Peace & Conflict Prev/Resolution

April: Maternal & Child Health **June:** Rotary Fellowships

September: Basic Education & Literacy **November:** The Rotary Foundation **January:** Vocational Service Month

March: Water & Sanitation May: Youth Services

Contributions to The Rotator are most welcome, please e-mail tonyandmira@optusnet.com.au before 6.00pm Thursday.

Copies to Sue Dux suedux@hotmail.com

Conferencing

Before coming here tonight I was discussing my talk with my wife and she said to me: 'Don't try to be too charming, too witty or too intellectual. Just be yourself.'"

Today I was stopped mid-speech at my town's Dentists' conference All I said was, "Ladies and Dentalmen, welcome!"

The Flat Earth Society held it's annual conference in Antarctica this year but attendance fell off

I've just been refused entry to the National Alzheimer's conference "Do you know who I am?" I shouted.

What do fishermen do at a their conferences? Network.

What was it like having all your teeth out? Terrible. I will never do it again.

I have always tried to pay my bills with a smile but invariably they want money.

What kind of school does a carpenter go to? A: Boarding school

Maintaining a healthy diet is a piece of cake."

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES INEPT SPEAKER ZONE (impolite) THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES AUDIENCE THESI-VEITING FIRST-YEAR GRAD STUDENT SCIENTIST SCIENTIST SCIENTIST CONFERENCE ATTENDEES AUDIENCE THESI-VEITING FIRST-YEAR GRAD STUDENT GRAD STUDENT SKEPTIC (polite)

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Nearby clubs for make-ups

Day	Time	Club	Venue	Address
Monday	6.30pm	Surfers Paradise	Mantra Legends	Gold Coast Hwy and Laycock St Surfers Paradise
	6.30pm	Coomera Valley	Arundel Tavern	226 Napper Rd Parkwood
Tuesday	6.30pm	Runaway Bay	Paradise Point Bowls Club	22 Thrush Ave Paradise Pt
Tuesday	6.30pm	Parkwood	Arundel Tavern	226 Napper Rd. Arundel
Tuesday	6.30pm	Broadbeach	Quality Inn	Mermaid Waters
1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays	7.00am Fpr 7.15am	Surfers Sunrise	Surfers Paradise Life Saving Club	Surfers Paradise
Wednesday	7.00am	Hope Is	Sanctuary Cove Country Club	Sanctuary Cove
Wednesday	12.30pm	Mermaid Beach	Quality Inn	Markeri St. Mermaid Beach
Wednesday	6.30pm	Ashmore	Ashmore Steak and Seafood	Cnr Ashmore Rd and Reed St.
Second and fourth Thursdays	7.00 for 7.15 AM	Griffith University Club	G's restaurant	Griffith University
Thursday	7.00am	Burleigh Hds	Burleigh Hds Surf Club	Goodwin Tce. Burleigh Hds
2 nd and 4 th Thursdays	6.15pm	Gold Coast Central	Southport Golf Club	Slatyer Ave
,	7.00am	Coomera River	Waterlife Restaurant	Gold Coast Marina 76-84 Waterway Dv Coomera.
Friday	7.00am	Broadwater Southport	Southport Yacht Club	Main Beach
First and third Thursdays	7.15AM	Griffith Gold Coast	G's Restaurant Griffith Uni	Griffith University